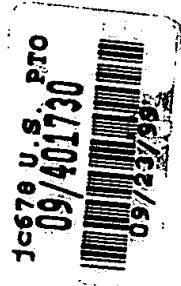


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)
WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S OATH/DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Atty. Dkt. 3572-7
Date: September 23, 1999



Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

DEVICE FOR SECURING AT LEAST ONE OPTICAL FIBRE TO AN OPTICAL APPARATUS

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☒ An abstract together with
- ☒ pages of specification and claims including numbered claims and also attached is/are
- ☒ sheets of accompanying drawings.

This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

Application No.	Country	Filing Date
98830558.7	EP	23 September 1998

respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

☐ This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

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☒ Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached.

This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed .
Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This is a continuation of PCT application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

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☒ Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.

Also attached. Information Disclosure Statement

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